CLAIMS

I claim:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for improving the taste of a beverage in a container said container having a top and a bottom, said beverage containing an polar molecule, said apparatus having a base for the bottom of said container, said base comprising a magnet that applies a magnetic force to the beverage, said magnet having a first surface and a second surface, said first surface being adjacent to the bottom of the container and said second surface being on the opposite side of the magnet from the first surface, said apparatus further comprising a stopper said stopper having a magnet present therein and at least a portion of said stopper being adapted to be received in an orifice at the top of said container.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30 wherein the beverage contains an alcohol.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[1]] 30 wherein the beverage is coffee.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[4]] 2 wherein the beverage is wine

6. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein said base comprises a top member, a bottom member and a side wall connecting the top and bottom members said magnet being between said top member and said bottom member.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein said magnet is a ring magnet.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[8]] 1 wherein said stopper comprises a top member and a plug member extending therefrom, said plug member being shaped to be inserted into the orifice of the container.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the plug has a neck where said plug member is connected to said top member and a tip on said plug opposite said neck, said plug member being narrower in cross-section at said tip than at the neck.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the top member is larger in cross-section than the cross section of the container at the orifice.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 10 wherein said magnet is a disk in the plug member.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein at least one magnet has 600 to 1400 surface Gauss on the ~~top of the magnet facing the bottle~~ surface of the magnet adjacent to the container.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein at least one magnet has 800 to 1200 surface Gauss on the ~~top of the magnet facing the bottle~~ surface of the magnet adjacent to the container.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein at least one magnet has 900 to 1100 surface Gauss on the ~~top of the magnet facing the bottle~~ surface of the magnet adjacent to the container..

16. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 14 wherein said magnet in said base has its south pole facing downwardly.

17. (previously presented) A method for improving the taste of a beverage containing polar molecules in a container having a top end and a bottom end, comprising applying a first magnetic field to the top of the container and a second magnetic field to the bottom end of the container.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17 wherein the beverage contains an alcohol.

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17 wherein the beverage is coffee.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 18 wherein the beverage is wine.

21. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17 wherein the magnetic field in applied to the bottom of the container by a magnet that has a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface being in proximity to said bottom surface of the container and a metal plate being in contact with the bottom surface of the magnet.

22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21 wherein at least one magnetic field is supplied by a ring magnet.

23. (currently amended) An apparatus for improving the taste of a beverage in a container said container having a top and a bottom, said beverage containing an polar molecule, said apparatus having a base for the bottom of said container, said base comprising a first magnet that applies a magnetic force to the beverage at the bottom of the container and a second magnet that applies a magnetic force to the beverage at the top of the container <u>said second magnet being contained in a stopper at least a portion of said stopper being adopted to be received by an orifice in the top of said container</u>.

24. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the beverage contains an alcohol.

25. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the beverage is coffee.

24. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the beverage is wine

25. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said base comprises a top member, a bottom member and a side wall connecting the top and bottom members said magnet being between said top member and said bottom member.

26. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 25 wherein said first magnet is a ring magnet.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said means for applying a magnetic force to the top of said container comprises a stopper for an orifice in said container.

28. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 27 wherein said stopper comprises a top member and a plug member extending therefrom, said plug member being shaped to be inserted into the orifice of the container.

29. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein the plug has a neck where said plug member is connected to said top member and a tip on said plug opposite said neck, said plug member being narrower in cross-section at said tip than at the neck.

30. (new) An apparatus for improving the taste of a beverage in a container said container having a top and a bottom, said beverage containing an polar molecule, said apparatus having a base for the bottom of said container, said base comprising a magnet that applies a magnetic force to the beverage, said magnet having a first surface and a second surface, said first surface being adjacent to the bottom of the container and said second surface being on the opposite side of the magnet from the first surface, said base having a top surface and a bottom surface said base having a metal plate between said magnet and said bottom surface.

31. (new) The apparatus according to claim 30 wherein said metal plate contacts said magnet.

32. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the magnets of said stopper and said base have their fields aligned such that a circle of magnetic force is formed

33. (new) The apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the magnet of said stopper has the south pole of facing down and the magnet of said base has the north pole facing up.

34. (new) The apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the magnet of said stopper has the north pole facing down and the magnet of said base has the south pole facing up.